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Cottonwood, Orofino hospitals win award

St. Mary's and Clearwater Valley Hospitals and Clinics at Cottonwood and Orofino recently won the outstanding rural health organization award from the National Rural Health Association.

The association represents 62 million Americans living in rural areas. The award was presented to Casey Meza, chief executive officer of the hospitals, earlier this month in Austin, Texas. Meza said having the two hospitals selected from among the thousands of health care organizations in the country is an honor.

The two hospitals teamed up in 1998. Both are members of Essentia Health based in Duluth, Minn.